REMARKS

A number of claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,600,775 issued to King et al. that describes a method and apparatus for annotation full motion video. In the previous Office Action, the Examiner stated, "King teaches the modification of the video provided to a display by outputting the original unaltered video with the annotation" (emphasis added). However, in the current Office Action, the Examiner states, "Therefore the original unaltered video information is modified to include the annotation to the output" (emphasis added). The Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's most current interpretation of King. More specifically, the Examiner's belief that King teaches modifying the "original unaltered video information" to include the annotation. Not only does this most current interpretation run counter to the Examiner's previous interpretation, it contradicts King since "King provides for the annotation of full motion digital video frames "without modifications to the original video information" (at Abstract) separately storing the annotations and video information and, during playback, the annotations are displayed on the original frames". (from previous Response).

Therefore, King clearly states that the original video is unaltered and any changes are displayed on the original frames.

Accordingly, the Applicants' believe that King does not anticipate nor reasonably suggest the invention as recited in claim 1 and respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the U.S.C. 102(b) rejection thereof.

Independent claim 15 as amended teaches a system that recites limitation similar in scope to independent claim 1 and is, therefore, also allowable.

All dependent claims depend either directly or indirectly from claims 1 and/or 15 and are, therefore, also allowable for at least the reasons stated for claims 1 and 15 above.

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The Examiner also rejected a number of other claims as being obvious under King in view of Official Notice (at page 5, second paragraph) and as being obvious under King in view of. U.S. Patent 6,507,696 issued to Chung, as well as King in view of Chung, and further, in view of U.S. Patent 6,144,375 issued to Jain. It is the Applicants' belief that none of the cited references (nor the Official Notice) add to King with regard to the claimed limitations of the invention. Therefore, the Applicants believe that the secondary references fail to cure the deficiencies of King and request that the Examiner withdraw the obviousness type rejections thereof.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are allowable. Should the Examiner believe that a further telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

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